

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

The allowance of claims 1-16 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 17 and 19 stand rejected as unpatentable over Bay (U.S. Patent 3,811,162) taken alone or in combination with Qvart (U.S. Patent 5,395,186). Each of claims 17 and 19 has been amended to distinguish over Bay by reciting that the fastener is "secured directly to the support body" for securing the holder clamp to the support body. In Bay, the fastener 11 is, at best, indirectly secured to the support body by virtue of being attached to the holder clamp 4. Since the fastener 11 engages the tool bar 7 to push the tool bar against the support body 1 while simultaneously pulling the holder clamp 4 into wedging relationship between the support body and the tool bar, it will be appreciated that the fastener 11 could not perform its intended function if it were directly secured to the support body.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 17 and 19 distinguish patentably over the applied prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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